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Marne Cmdr visits 4th BCT

Spc. Sophia R. Lopez
4th BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – Major General Tony Cucolo, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, spent three days visiting his Soldiers still deployed to Iraq, Nov. 2-4.

Cucolo took command of 3rd Inf.

Div., July 14 at Fort Stewart after most of his division had returned home from Iraq.

“All the brigades but Vanguard have come home from their surge operations here in Iraq,” he said. “On my mind since July 14 has been the Vanguard Brigade, the 4th Brigade Combat Team, and all they’re doing over here.”

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3rd ID supports veterans, says ‘thanks for serving’

Kevin Larson
Chief, Public Information

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield are supporting several Veterans Day events throughout the local area in the coming days.

Friday

3rd Infantry Division Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team provide three vehicles and crews to the Richmond Hill Primary and Elementary Schools' Veterans Day Program.

Lieutenant Colonel Russell Holscher, Commander, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, is the keynote speaker at the Tattnall County High School Veterans Day Program.

Saturday

3rd Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo is the keynote speaker at the Alma-Bacon County Veterans' Appreciation Program.

Lieutenant Colonel. Daniel Cormier, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry is the keynote speaker at Baxley-

Appling County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4472.

1st Brigade Combat Team Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Cantrell will deliver the invocation at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum Veterans' Memorial Service.

Nov. 9:

The 3rd Infantry Division Band presents a patriotic concert for the Sun City Veterans Association.

Nov. 11:

3rd Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General Colonel Thomas Vandal is the keynote speaker at Richmond Hill Veterans Day observance. The 3rd Infantry Division color guard will also participate.

3rd Infantry Division commander Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, and the Division Command Sergeant Major Jesse Andrews, the 3rd Infantry Division color guard and band lead the Army element of Savannah Veterans Day parade. The Combat Aviation Brigade Soldier of the Year and Soldiers of the Combat Aviation Brigade will march.



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

90th HRC Deploys - Sergeant. Carly Storment, 90th Human Resources Company, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, inspects her weapon prior to recasing it, in preparation for deployment to Kuwait and Iraq, Oct. 31. See story on Page 6A.

Garrison CSM heads to SE-IMCOM, COR ceremony scheduled Nov 14



Jim Jeffcoat

Command Sergeant Major Charles E. Durr, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield garrison command sergeant major, assists customers at the 2007 Trees for Troops held at the Stewart Child and Youth Services building.

Durr, a strong proponent for quality of life initiatives such as Trees for Troops, the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative, Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program to name a few, was selected as the Installation Management Command-Southeast Region command sergeant major.

A change of responsibility ceremony is slated for Nov. 14 at Marne Garden. His replacement is Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Ervin, the current 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion command sergeant major.

Infantrymen earn EIB

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Infantrymen from Fort Benning and Fort Stewart were awarded Expert Infantryman Badges, Oct. 24 at Burroughs Range on Fort Benning.

“To infantrymen, this is the most important badge you can get,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Moore, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry

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Regiment. “With the war on terrorism, any Soldier can be engaged in combat. But when you come out here, you have to prove that you’re an expert.”

Eight units, including the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, and six battalions from the 3rd Infantry Division, participated in a two-week training and three day testing event to earn the title “expert infantryman.”

Wounded Warrior program expands

Ann Erickson
Winn Army Community Hospital

The Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Warrior Transition Unit has fully implemented FRAGO 3 and the Army Medical Action Plan.

FRAGO 3 made refinements to the WTU entry, management, and exit policy in order to develop a balanced WTU structure and capability that is enduring, expandable, collapsible and responsive to the medical needs of every Warrior in Transition.

It also increased WTU staffing, enabling the WTU to handle a population of up to 600 WTs. FRAGO 3 also provided the WTU with enhanced capabilities and

services for WTs.

We now have an integrated occupational therapy section, legal section, and added a battalion surgeon.

We continue to expand our interim campus by refurbishing existing buildings to house our growing staff.

In FY09 the new Soldier and Family Assistance Center will be built, followed by our permanent campus facility in FY10.

These new facilities will be purpose built to ensure that we are able to provide the finest in billeting and services to our WTs.

The Stewart-Hunter WTU has several pilot programs that benefit our Warriors in Transition.

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Marne 7 Sends One day recognition not enough

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews
3rd ID Command Sgt. Maj.

Once a year the nation reflects and honors the men and women who wore a U.S. military uniform and served their country with pride and distinction. I say to you that their contributions across the world and to our way of life should never be far from our thoughts or hearts.

There are 417 Eastern Redbud trees along Warrior's Walk in honor of the mothers, fathers, sons and daughters who served with this great Marne Division and lost their lives for the defense of our country. My battle-buddy, Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, and I encourage everyone to take the solemn walk and read the names of our 21st Century Soldiers and say a prayer for their loved ones.

On this Veteran's Day ceremonies and parades will be held throughout Coastal Georgia and recognition will be given to every former servicemember for being part of a very small American population of powerful but humble servants.

Veteran's Day was first recognized as

Armistice Day in 1919 to recognize the end of World War I. This was a year after the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month when fighting ceased between the Allied nations and Germany. However, it wasn't until June 1, 1954, when Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Dog Face Soldiers have served in every major conflict since World War I, and no matter where you go on Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield or Kelly Hill, there are veterans who may be attending a ceremony, shopping or working next to you. Take the time to shake their hands and thank them.

We enjoy our liberties today because there were Marne patch wearers who held the Germans back at the Marne River in World War I; captured Hitler's mountain retreat in World War II; recaptured Seoul from the Chinese in the



Korean War; and moved into Baghdad with the mission of liberating the country and destroying weapons of mass destruction.

Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines jointly keep our Families safe by securing the land, air and sea that surrounds us and our allies. Throughout our great nation, every day there are individuals who silently take off one of

those uniforms and blend back in with the civilian workforce. They may occasionally share a snapshot of their service with their Family and friends. Though, as true patriots, they continue to support the troops.

Let's not forget to support them. Approximately 1,200 World War II veterans die each day, and most never had the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. There is currently an organization in Savannah trying to help the Veterans get to the

Capitol to see the monument free of charge. You can read more about that at www.honorflight.org.

Last month, my battle buddy, Marne 6, had the opportunity to award the Purple Heart medal to retired Staff Sgt. Clinton "Hank" Henry for injuries he received during the Korean War in 1950. Mr. Henry served 25 years in the Army and the ceremony in Marne Garden cannot make up for the birthdays, holidays and Family gatherings he missed during his career.

I am amazed and humbled whenever meet veterans who want to thank me and are intrigued about what I do in the Army. Technology and modern-day warfare has distinctively separated the way we go to battle today than our former comrades. I want to hear about their military stories and thank them for setting the moral and ethical standards passed down to me by my platoon sergeant.

I don't need to wait for Veteran's Day to recognize my heroes, and you don't either.

Rock of the Marne

How to show respect during a Retreat ceremony

Special to the Frontline

One of many long-standing traditions still being observed in today's Army is Retreat. Retreat is a ceremony which honors the U.S. flag when it is lowered in the evening, usually at 5 p.m.

The term Retreat is taken from the French word "Retraite" and refers to the evening ceremony. The bugle call sounded at Retreat was first used in the French Army and dates back to the Crusades. Retreat was sounded at sunset to notify sentries to start challenging until sunrise, and to tell the rank and file to go to their quarters.

Today, the observance of Retreat signifies retirement of the colors from the day's activities. At Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, Retreat is announced by bugle call, followed by the firing of the ceremonial cannon and playing of "To the Colors" - music honoring the flag as it is lowered in the evening.

The observance of Retreat requires the rendering of some common courtesies by all military, Department of the Army Civilian employees and civilian guests on post. These courtesies are summarized here:

marized here:

Military in uniform - Face in the direction of the flag (or direction from which the music emanates if flag is not in view), and stand at attention. After the cannon fires and at the first note of "To the Colors," render hand salute. Hold this position until the last note of music has played.

Civilians and military wearing civilian clothes - Face in the direction of the flag (or direction from which the music emanates if flag is not



in view), remove headdress with right hand and stand at attention. After the cannon fires and at the first note of "To the Colors," hold the headdress over the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Hold this position until the last note of music has played.

So, next time you hear the evening's 5 p.m. call for retreat, you know what to do. If you need more information get a copy of FM 22-5 and AR 600-25.

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VISIT

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Cucolo spent his three-day trip visiting Convoy Support Center Scania, a Military Transition Team in al-Hillah, Victory Base Complex, Forward Operating Base Falcon, FOB Kalsu, Patrol Base Jurf and PB Kelsey.

"I came over to see them in action, be with them, walk the ground as much as I could with them to understand what they've experienced and what they're doing now," said Cucolo.

He also talked to the Soldiers about reintegration training, what they can expect when they come home during the holidays and about the transformation of the brigade from a heavy brigade combat team.

During his visit, Cucolo presented Purple Hearts and Bronze Star medals to Soldiers earning such medals, as well as his own commanding general coin.

While visiting the MiTT in al-Hillah, Cucolo met with Brig. Gen. Abdul Amir, 31st Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Div. commander, to discuss issues including another non-commissioned officer academy opening for the IA and how far the IA has come during 3rd Infantry Divisions deployment.

During another part of Cucolo's trip, he visited Khidr and Jurf as-Sakhr and met with Sons of Iraq leaders.

"Operations from January up until now broke the back of al-Qaeda and finished them off south of Baghdad," he said. "Almost simultaneously and certain-

ly now, (Soldiers) defeated the Shia extremists groups and criminals in the area. What they've done is single-handedly brought a level of security not known to this part of Iraq, and it's clear on the faces of the people I saw when I walked the streets with a couple patrols. The children are waving to them, and the local adults are coming up to them and patting them on the back. They know many of them by name. The bond with the local population is something I haven't seen before."

As Cucolo heads back to Fort Stewart, he will be taking his experiences here to better the division back home.

"Everything we've done, we have to turn into lessons learned and apply it to the way we train," said Cucolo. "We cannot train for the way it was last time. We have to train for the way it is now."

He also encouraged Soldiers to take their own experiences back and tell their stories to help better America.



Spc. Sophia R. Lopez

Major General Tony Cucolo, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, talks to Soldiers of a Military Transition Team with the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Inf. Div., at al-Hillah Nov. 3 during a three-day visit to Iraq.

A moment in Marne History: Operation Desert Storm

Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

"Bush announces additional deployments and more than 400,000 troops are slated to serve in the Gulf ..."

The headline seems eerily relevant to today, however it refers to George Bush, Sr., and comes from Nov. 8, 1990. It is a part of the whirlwind timeline that was Operation Desert Storm and its result, the cease fire March 3, 1991.

"Every element of the United Nations forces func-

tioned within a computer-like war plan that devastated essential Iraqi command and control facilities. The ground force deployed for the war against Iraq was in many ways the finest army ever committed to battle. The various elements of this army were maintained at a peak readiness, training and advanced technology. Aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers, destroyers, frigates, and numerous support ships were also deployed to the waters surrounding Iraq and Kuwait. The Tomahawk missile was a major force, which helped to bring about the importance of the battleship again. This was in addition to the

dominance of Naval airpower. In conclusion, superior weaponry as well as superior training led to the amazing dominance in the Gulf War (*desert-storm.com/Machines!*)"

On Nov. 9, 1991, the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, garrisoned in Ashaffenburg, Germany, was notified to prepare for its deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield as per the White House announcement. The

Phantom Brigade was attached to the 1st Armored Division, VII Corps. It became the offensive arm in the stand-off with the Iraqi Army. February 24 at 1600 hours, the 3rd Brigade made its strike.

Their first objective was the Iraqi logistical center located at Al Busayyah. A turn eastward would then point them to their primary objective Iraq's Republican Guard. Phantoms took the lead role in VII Corps. It was said that they slammed into their enemy like a "sledgehammer." By the end of the 4th day of ground combat operations, the 3rd Brigade had engaged the Iraqi 26th Infantry and their 17th Armored Divisions, as well as the Tawakalna, Adnan and Medina Divisions of the Republican Guard.

It was a victory in more ways than one. Many of the men who had fought in the Gulf in the 90's would return to the desert in 2003. They would play vital roles in a Thunder Run into the heart of Baghdad. We would come to read about these men in books like David Zucchino's *Thunder Run: The Armored Strike to Capture Baghdad*.

These were men like Phil Wolford, a confident combat commander of Ohio who Zucchino describes as having played with toy Soldiers as a child and wanting his whole life to become a Soldier.

The Scout of ODS had gone to college and earned a commission and in the spring of 2003 "was in command of a tank company, responsible for scores of men—and... [now was responsible for figuring out] how to carry out the most important mission of his career." He was one of many Marne men that powered into the palace district of Baghdad just after the initial successful Thunder Run.



Courtesy Photo

An AH 64 Helicopter equipped with 57mm rocket pods, Hellfire missiles, and 30mm auto chain gun, designed for deep attack.



Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Wiseman

56th IBCT Soldiers gather in front of the Texas National Guard “T patch” sign at Fort Stewart’s Cottrell Field in the unit’s color casing ceremony, Saturday, Nov. 2. The ceremony marks the 56th IBCT completion of post-mobilization training at Fort Stewart and its readiness for deployment to Iraq this fall.

56th IBCT cases colors, departs for Iraq

Maj. Marc Young
188th Inf. Bde. Public Affairs

Nearly 3500 Soldiers from the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Texas National Guard stood at attention on Fort Stewart’s Cottrell Field Nov. 2 as the unit’s colors were cased.

The event marked the end of post-mobilization training and the start of the units movement into Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 56th IBCT arrived at Fort Stewart in early September to conduct post-mobilization training and trained seven days a week to prepare for combat.

The 56th IBCT will conduct a security force mission while deployed for the year long tour in Iraq.

The SECFOR mission consists primarily of area security and movement and mobility support operations. SECFOR units operate across large spans of hostile terrain at the convoy security company level and the missions are often considered some of the most dangerous missions our Soldiers perform in Iraq.

Training for the 56th IBCT centered on convoy logistic patrol situational training exercises for convoy security companies, and also included gunnery, base defense, and other theater specific required training.

Colonel Lee Henry, Commander, 56th IBCT addressed the gathered crowd at Cottrell Field and thanked the Fort Stewart leadership and community for their support during the intense training period.

Henry also thanked the many Texas Families in attendance for their unwavering support of their Soldiers.

“These Soldiers are ready,” said Henry. “I am proud to serve with every one of them.”

Below: The 56th IBCT colors are cased by the Brigades command team, Col. Lee Henry, and Command Sgt. Maj. John Morgan III Nov. 2 on Cottrell Field.

Maj. Marc Young



Debi Meadows

Above: Soldiers from 1/41st FA perform as the salute battery Nov. 2 at Cottrell Field during the casing ceremony for the 56th IBCT.

Below: Members of the 3rd ID Band march in view of Warriors Walk, during the color casing ceremony held in honor, of the 56th IBCT Nov. 2 on Cottrell Field.



Plan to make the holidays safe, enjoyable

Davis D. Tindoll, Jr.
Director Installation Management Command – SouthEast Region

The upcoming Veterans Day, Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, provide Region personnel an opportunity to be with Family and friends and enjoy the season's festivities.

Let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the avoided mishaps and fatalities your forethought and corrective actions have made possible. We should not let the merriment of the season prohibit a common sense approach to safety.

All leaders should review safety meas-

ures with their military and civilian personnel. Remind personnel to take a 15-minute stretch after driving for two continuous hours. Ensure the use of seatbelts for all vehicle occupants, both front and rear. Reduce driving speeds when encountering conditions such as fog, ice, or wet roads.

Is your vehicle ready for the road? Inspect vehicles to make sure the tires are acceptable and the lights, wipers, horn, exhaust system, and brakes are functioning properly. Don't forget your ice scraper to clear your windows



during snow and ice storms.

Use the buddy system. Self-control and personal behavior both on and off-post has a direct relationship to being "Good Neighbors."

Every Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member must look out for one another. Keep in mind drugs and alcohol abuse affects everyone. Don't drink and drive. Alcohol related

accidents are the number one cause of traffic fatalities.

Ensure your personnel are aware of proper winter clothing to prevent cold weather injuries. Train your personnel

on the hazards of carbon monoxide and to recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

All Soldiers in the grades of E-1 to O-3 and warrant officer to chief warrant officer (CW2), are required to use the Travel Risk Planning System prior to leave and pass involving a road trip more than 75 miles.

The TRiPS privately owned vehicle risk assessment tool is located at crc.army.mil/home.

Be safe, enjoy the food, the fellowship, and return to your organization with the spirit that makes our country great. I wish everyone a safe and happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holiday.

Say boo to the flu, support 2008 school vaccination

Ann Erickson
Winn Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

Students attending Fort Stewart Department of Defense schools, their parents and siblings, and DoD school employees have a chance to get their flu vaccinations at their respective schools this year.

What is the flu?

The flu is an easy to spread viral infection that includes high fever, chills, cough, aches and fatigue. Anyone can get the flu, but children and older adults are the most vulnerable. According to the Centers for Disease Control, as many as 36,000 Americans die every year and more than 200,000 are hospitalized due to the flu. It can be hard to tell the difference between the flu and a common cold. Symptoms are similar, but they are generally more severe with the flu and can lead to more serious health problems. Flu symptoms do not usually include nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Why get vaccinated?

In February 2008, the Center for Disease Control

expanded the flu vaccination recommendation to include all children from 6-months through 18-years.

About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies that provide protection against influenza virus infection develop in the body. These antibodies protect you against the flu for this winter as well as provide some measure of protection (estimated up at 30%) against the "Bird Flu" if it starts infecting humans.

How do I get vaccinated?

Students: Parents fill out and sign the form / permission slip that was sent home and turn in at school. Students who have turned in a permission slip will automatically be vaccinated on the date chosen for the student's school.

Family Members: Parents and other siblings can be vaccinated at school as well. Pick up extra permission slips at the front desk of the school or on the day of the "Flu Clinic." Just show up at the school between 8 and 10 a.m. on the date listed for your school with your military ID card. All Department of Defense employees who work at the schools and military dependents are eligi-

ble.

Brittin Elementary: Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. until complete. Make-Up Day, Nov. 17.

Kessler Elementary: Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. until complete. Make-Up Day, Nov. 18.

Diamond Elementary: Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. until complete. Make-Up Day, Nov. 19.

What else can I do to protect my Family?

Sing and Scrub: Make sure kids wash their hands the right way. Scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (sing the Happy Birthday song twice).

Do the Elbow Cough: Teach kids to cough into their elbows, not their hands, where germs spread easier.

Disinfect Hot Spots: Disinfect surfaces kids touch most frequently—like doorknobs, light switches, faucets or toys. Use a disinfectant that kills cold and flu viruses (like Clorox wipes).

Follow Good Health Guidelines, eat right, exercise and get plenty of sleep. For more information, call your school nurse.

Commodores, Thomas help celebrate 3rd ID Marne Week

Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde Public Affairs

Are you ready for Marne Week? A great week of sports is scheduled, but whether you are an athlete or a music fan, there is something for you, Nov. 17-22.

Among the sports are a biathlon, a golf tournament, the flag football finals, softball, basketball and a few fun runs for those of you who are jogging enthusiasts.

The list of performers is out of this world! The Commodores were a highly successful funk/soul band of the 1970s and 1980s. They are probably best known for its ballads, such as "Easy" and "Three Times a Lady," but, for the most part, the group mainly recorded funky, driven dance-floor hits which include "Brick House", "Say Yeah," "Fancy Dancer", and "Too Hot Ta Trot", among others. Today, the Commodores consist of Walter "Clyde" Orange, William "WAK" King, and former Heatwave singer J.D. Nicholas.

The group continues to be a sell-out, performing 50 concerts annually

around the world. Their group record sales have only been exceeded by the Beatles.

Kenji Thomas is an American country music singer. After graduating from college, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving the armed forces throughout the 1990s until leaving active duty.

In addition to recording an independently-released album and charting two singles on the Billboard country music charts, he serves as a motivational speaker.

He served as a Ranger in the 75th Ranger Regiment, eventually attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Thomas and fellow Task Force members were involved in the Battle of Mogadishu that was later immortalized in the book and movie Black Hawk Down, for which he was a consultant.

Thomas' military decorations and achievements include the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge, as well as successful completion of the Special Forces Combat Diver course and the Belgium Commando course.

Day 1 - Nov. 17

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Division run	Wilson Ave. and McFarland Ave.
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Golf scramble	Taylor's Creek
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Softball	Bennett sports complex
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Basketball	Newman Fitness center
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Stretcher run	Behind Newman
10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Skeet	Fort Stewart skeet range

Day 2 - Nov. 18

9 a.m. to noon	Biathlon	Small Arms ranges C and A
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	18-hole golf tourney	Taylor's Creek Golf Course
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sports Brackets (Softball, combatives, stretcher run, and basketball)	Various on-post locations
3-4:45 p.m.	Flag football finals	Olvey Field, General Stewart Way
4:15-5 p.m.	Fun runs	Newman Fitness Center

Day 3 - Nov. 19

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Truck Rodeo	26 BSB HQS, West 15th St.
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sporting Brackets	Various on-post locations
	Softball, combatives, stretcher run, and basketball	
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Static display	6th St., Newman Fitness Center
Noon to 4 p.m.	Hunter Golf Scramble	Hunter Army Airfield Golf Course

Day 4 - Nov. 20

9 a.m. to noon	Sporting event brackets	Various on-post locations
	Softball, combatives, stretcher run, and basketball	
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Static display	6th St., Newman Fitness Center
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	ESTcompetition	building 1310
4-10 p.m.	Carnival	Walker field
4 p.m. until complete	Concert	Donovan field
	Commodores and Kenji Thomas	

Day 5 - Nov. 21

1-2:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony	Cottrell Field
4 p.m. to midnight	Carnival continues	Walker field

Marne Voices Speak Out

How do you pay respect to veterans?

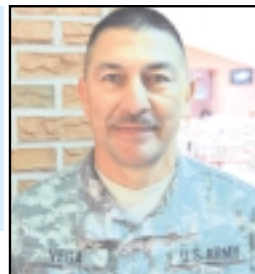
"I shake their hands and tell them 'thank you.'"

SpC. Cassaundra Marion
2-3 BTB, 2nd BCT



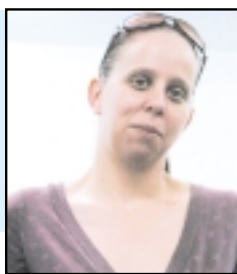
"Tell them we appreciate them for setting the standard."

Master Sgt. Jack Vega
56th BCT



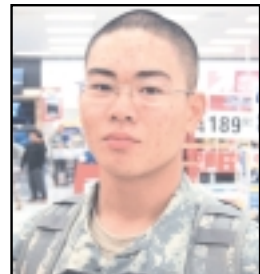
"I contribute my taxes every year to the VA."

Melinda Young
Family Member



"Normally say 'thank you.'"

Pvt. Romrod Demesa
1st BCT



"My Family puts a wreath on my grandfathers grave every year."

Telli Cronin
Contractor



"Tell my father I love him as much as possible because he's a vet."

Sgt. Aaron Williams
56th BCT



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Veterans' Corner

-Still serving




Spc. Monica K. Smith

Chief Warrant Officer Cameron Couturier, Company C, 1/3 Avn., speaks with members of the Sun City Hilton Head Veterans Association about the MEDEVAC unit and his experiences in Iraq, Oct. 28, at Hunter Army Airfield.

Sun City Veterans visit CAB

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

The temperature was in the 40s without the wind factor, but it would take more than chilly weather to keep these veterans from visiting the Combat Aviation Brigade. The Sun City Hilton Head Veterans Association brought a bus full of more than 50 veterans to visit the Combat Aviation Brigade, Oct. 28.

"We didn't expect this weather. It's a little windy, but I can't go swimming now, so I might as well be here," said James Dinan who served in the Army from 1955 to 1957.

A static display was set up on the flight line for the group to visit. The display of five aircraft included a Black Hawk, a MEDEVAC Black Hawk, an Apache, a Chinook and a Kiowa Warrior.

"This is new to most of us," said Dinan. "We're all veterans and we want-

ed to see how the military has evolved and how it is doing today."

The group was broken down into five smaller groups. Each group visited each aircraft in round-robin fashion.

At each station Soldiers who worked or flew that aircraft spoke to the veterans about the aircraft and the types of missions they preformed while deployed.

Many veterans asked questions about the aircraft and the personal experiences of the crew.

"It was nice to share our experiences with them so they can see where the Army, particularly aviation has gone since they were in," said Sgt. Dave Wyman, crew chief with Company B, 2nd

Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment.

Wyman also said the crew members found themselves learning a little about military history.

"It was good to have them come because they can share their experiences and their knowledge with us,"

said Wyman. "We can use that knowledge for future missions plus it's also good to know where you came from."

The veterans went on to visit the parachute rigging facility and the Coast Guard Air Station, both on Hunter Army Airfield.

Keep hold of helpful VA phone numbers

All Veterans and retirees should be aware of their benefits through Veterans Affairs and who to contact for various services. On Fort Stewart, your initial contact is the Department of Veterans Affairs military service coordinators Richard Banks and Daniel Reeves. They are available to help veterans with every issue from Education benefits to Health care; their phone number is 368-6950. For more detailed information, the following phone contacts are available:

VA Benefits 1-800-827-1000
Education 1-888-442-4551
Health Care 1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477
Mental Health or referral services (Savannah Vet Center) 652-4097
Debt Management 1-800-827-0648
Mammography Hotline 1-888-492-7844
CHAMPVA 1-800-733-8387
VASuicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
Tele. Devices for Deaf 1-800-829-4823

UAV operators get flight time at Evans

Pfc. Jared Eastman
1st BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers of 1/3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion recently went through training to fly Unmanned Aerial Vehicles this past month at Evans Army Airfield.

"We're getting our Soldiers reset to a mission capable status," said Warrant Officer Christopher Motley, UAV Operations Technician.

The Soldiers were piloting Shadows, a medium class aircraft the length of a person. Two Soldiers, one pilot and one cameraman usually with a second team and workstation on standby run the Shadow. However, the Shadow lands itself using a computerized system.

"We just came back from Iraq, and we have a couple of new guys," said Spec. Jonathan Martin, 1/3 BTSB. "So we're training them up on the system while also doing reset training. We're testing our systems to make sure they are operational, such as software upgrades and aircraft upgrades."

UAVs are also important to the deployment mission, said Motley. "UAVs go into places that normally Soldiers would have to go for scouting operations and allow us to prep for Soldiers going into the battlefield."

But Motley wasn't always a UAV operator; he started out as a Blackhawk crewmember.

"I used to be a Blackhawk crewmember," said

Motley. "But the Army brought a bunch of warrant officers over to get UAV operations into an aviation mentality. The reason that they are meshing UAV into the aviation category instead of the military intelligence is because the Army wanted less aviation accidents and mistakes."

Another key Soldier for UAV operations is the mission commander, who is the over watch for the entire operation. The acting MC for this exercise was Spec. Mark Toler, 1/3 BTSB. "The MC makes sure all flight operations from start to finish are executed properly and safely, and coordinate with air space," he said, holding his radio close to him with one hand in case someone had to speak with him. "I was originally military intelligence, and I wanted to fly, so this was about the closest thing I could get. It's a pretty cool job"

This was the first time the airfield had been used in two and a half years, said Motley. "The Soldiers have stepped forward in giving the Evans Army Airfield back on track. The Soldiers have put together a package to get the airfield up and running. We're the first brigade back for 3rd Infantry Division, so we're setting the stage for the rest of the brigades to follow."



Photos by Pfc. Jared Eastman

Above: Sergeant James Johnson, 1/3 BTSB, resets the "Shadow" launcher, an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle at Evan's Army Airfield, Oct. 28.

Left: Staff Sergeant Lael Smith, Sgt. James Johnson, Mr. Chris Cetaia and Cpl. James Curry watch a "Shadow" Unmanned Aerial Vehicle launch at Evan's Army Airfield, Oct. 28. The exercise was meant to help Soldiers gain day-time and nighttime flight hours.



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

Lieutenant Colonel Russ Holcher, commander for the 3rd STB, shakes hands with Soldiers of the 90th HRC as they board the bus enroute to Iraq, Oct. 31.

90th HRC deploys Oct 31

Spc Gaelen Lowers
3rd SB Public Affairs

The 90th HR Co. was stood up Apr. 16 and is already heading off on their first deployment. This will be the first of 17 deployments within the next year for the 90th HR Co. This company is unique to the Army because of the modular design of it.

"This is the first element to depart," said 1st Sgt. Tony McClure, first sergeant for the 90th HR Co. "The 90th HR Co. is a new concept for the Army. Soldiers can deploy with smaller elements all the way down to the squad level versus an entire com-

pany that moves at one time. We move in small teams."

Being such a new company, there were many challenges and obstacles that the company was faced with leading up to their deployment, but nothing was too big to overcome for the Soldiers and experienced leadership of the 90th HR Co.

The 90th HR Co. had full support of the STB and the 3rd Sustainment Bde., said Suarez.

"While we were filling equipment, we were getting assistance and the requirements and resources needed to do the required training," Suarez said.

The primary mission of the Soldiers deploying with the headquarters element will be that of a theatre gateway unit in Kuwait providing other Soldiers in combat zones "R5" capabilities: reception, replacement, reintegration, and rest and relaxation

They will be performing their mission tasks across all battlefields, said 2nd Lt. John Joseph Ignat, rear detachment commander for the 90th HR Co.

"The Soldiers are eager, the Soldiers are ready, the Soldiers are well prepared to do their mission so that they can get back to their Families safe and sound," Suarez concluded.

Preparedness exercise proves beneficial

Ann Erickson
Winn Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

Preparing for a public health emergency was just what Fort Stewart and the local health department did Oct. 28 and 29.

In response to this public health emergency drill scenario, Fort Stewart's Army Medical Department Activity and the Liberty County Health Department opened and operated a Point of Distribution in accordance with the Fort Stewart's Pandemic Influenza Plan and the county's Emergency Preparedness Plan for distributing the Strategic National Stockpile.

The POD exercise provided two co-located distribution stations (civilian and military) at the Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center on Fort Stewart.

The distribution lines provided influenza and pneumonia vaccines and educational handouts as if it were in response to a pandemic, disaster or bioterrorist incident.

"The operation was extremely successful as a limited drive-through "Proof of Concept," and will refine our coordination with Liberty Co. Health Department for future exercises and for an actual event," said Dr. (Maj.) Shannon Ellis, the Incident Commander and Fort Stewart's Public Health Emergency Officer.

"This was a great exercise that gets us ready for any type of public health emergency" said Pamela Laynor, Operations Manager for the health department and Deputy Incident Commander. "While this was the first joint POD exercise between the Liberty County Health Department and Fort Stewart, this is the second time the health department has held a POD exercise".

Ellis said the exercise was a great opportunity for

dependents and local residents to participate in and get immunized against the flu and pneumonia – all without leaving the comforts of their vehicle.

During the two-day exercise, more than 295 people received their flu vaccines.

The Centers for Disease Control Strategic National Stockpile has large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is ever a public health emergency severe enough to cause local supplies to run out.

Once federal and local authorities agree that the SNS is needed, medicines will be delivered to any state in the U.S. within 12 hours.

Georgia and other states have developed plans to distribute the medicine to local jurisdictions as soon as possible.

Should the Coastal Empire experience an actual pandemic or bioterrorist event, distribution of medicines in Liberty County would be through activation of PODs.

A Memorandum of Understanding is being final-



Courtesy photo

Fort Stewart's MEDDAC and the Liberty County Health Department opened and operated a Point of Distribution in preparation for a public health emergency Oct. 28 and 29.

ized and site layouts are already in place in preparation for such an event.

"It gets people used to the drive-through concept, so in the event we have to stand this up for a real event, people will know what to do," said Ellis.

Ellis and Laynor are already looking toward the future. They hope to expand operations next year and for this to be an annual event offered to our entire population to participate (both military and local citizens).

Spartan Wounded Warrior receives ETS award

Sgt. Jason Stadel
2nd BCTPublic Affairs

Littleton, Colo. — "Mom, I lost both my legs." That was the first thing Sgt. Thomas "T.J." Graham said to his mom when he called her, July, 6 2007.

Graham was the gunner of a humvee that was struck by an explosively formed projectile near Sadr City. The blast killed two Soldiers and wounded three.

When Jaquelin Hammell heard those words come from her son's mouth, she thought her always cheerful son was trying to prank her.

"The night the news came to us my husband and I just got back from dinner," Hammell said. "T.J. is always joking around with us and I didn't believe him at first."

This was Graham's second deployment. Graham was a tanker in Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division during his most recent deployment.

The deployment was barely six weeks old for 2nd BCT when Graham and his fellow Soldiers were hit.

"We had some long days and we were on our way back to Camp Taji for a day off," Graham said.

After the explosion Graham said a medic told him that his truck had been hit by a roadside bomb.

At the combat support hospital in Baghdad Graham learned further details of the accident. He was told that the truck's driver, Pfc. LeRoy Wilson, and commander, Sgt. Gene Lamie had been killed.

Graham said he was lucky to be alive.

"That was the first time I'd ever been the gunner in that humvee. It was the first sergeant's humvee. The gunner's seat was set too high, but since it was the first sergeant's humvee I didn't want to change it. If I would have lowered the seat the EFP would have cut me in half," he said.

After the accident Graham spent more than a year at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Hammell said the care her son received at WRAMC was top notch.

"Walter Reed did an excellent job with his medical needs," she said.

Graham was medically retired from the Army and left WRAMC about two months ago. He now lives

in a ground level apartment in Littleton, Colo.

Graham has many sets of prosthetic legs, a wheel chair and a "Segue" motorized cart to help him get around his apartment and community.

It is a common site to see him on his Segue riding to a shopping center near his house.

When Graham was medically retired from the Army, there was no retirement ceremony or awards presentation.

He was given a Wounded Warrior case worker in Colorado to help him with his needs and started his civilian life in the shadows of the Rocky Mountains.

The new commander of 3-7 Cav. wanted to give Graham the recognition he deserved and with the help of Hammell arranged a small awards ceremony to present him with his end of tour service award.

"When I called Sergeant Graham and said that we wanted to come out there and present him with his award, he was excited," Lt. Col. Clark Lindner said.

Lindner took command of 3-7 Cav. in late July 2008.

He had never served in the same unit or even met Graham but said it was his duty as the squadron's current commander to properly recognize every Soldier that is leaving the Army honorably; no matter the circumstances.

At the request of Graham, the presentation was done in the Class A uniform.

"He was really excited about getting his Class A's ready," Lindner said.

In addition to Lindner, Graham's troop commander at the time of the accident, Capt. Erik Kjonnerod, and fellow Soldier, Cpl. Sean Dollman were at the ceremony. Dollman was wounded in the same blast as Graham.

Graham's Family and friends were also in attendance.

"Sergeant Graham has left the squadron's ranks but he is not forgotten," said Lindner. "We want to make sure that we pay respect to his service."

For his ETS award Graham was presented with the Army Commendation Medal. He was also given a set of cavalry spurs and a 3-7 Cav. squadron picture.

Graham was thankful and humble upon receiving his award. Graham said that when he looks at where his feet should be he doesn't see tragedy because some many others have lost their lives.

The awards presentation was a week before November, which is fitting because November is Warrior Care Month. During November the Department of Defense will focus much of its attention on caring for wounded, injured and ill service members. Each branch of military service has events planned to highlight the care needed for service members.

As for Graham he said his future plans will include relaxing and upgrading his car. He would also like to volunteer at a veteran affairs hospital and possible go to college.

Graham said no matter what his future holds, being part the Armor Corps, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Spartan Brigade will always hold a special place in his heart.

"I loved being in the Army; it was a fantastic part of my life," he said.



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Sergeant. T.J. Graham is presented with a set of cavalry spurs by Lt. Col. Clark Lindner. Graham is standing with the help of prosthetic legs after he lost his legs in an explosion in Iraq. Lindner is the commander of 3/7 Cav., 2nd BCT, 3rd ID.

WT

We are the only WTU to have a career counselor on staff, Staff Sgt. Michelle John.

John was named the Southeast Regional Medical Command's Career Counselor of the Year.

Our OT Section is pioneering several programs, to include an Aquatics Program, TLP Sound Therapy, Transition Training Academy and a Functional Restoration Program.

OT is also a Tech Site with direct approval authority to approve assistive devices for our Warriors in Transition. These devices include PDAs with GPS to aid those with TBI or PTSD that have memory diffi-

culties.

These are some of the many services that the WTU and our SFAC have available:

- Career Counseling
- Comprehensive Medical Case Management
- Child Care
- Transportation to and from Medical Appointments
- Dedicated WTU DFAC Ombudsman
- Occupational Therapy
- Family Readiness Group

Financial Counseling
Finance
ID0 Cards
VA Benefits Liaison
Social Workers

Regardless of how a Soldier becomes ill or injured, the WTU will continue to provide first class command and control, primary care, and case management for Warriors in Transition to establish the conditions for their healing and to promote their timely return to the force or transition to civilian life.

Stewart-Hunter Townhall meeting scheduled for tonight

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is scheduled to have a town hall meeting 5:30 p.m., tonight at Club Stewart, linked by teleconference to the Hunter Club. The meeting will be broadcast live on Marne Television, and offer community members an opportunity to express comments or concerns in person, or via telephone. Call in numbers are 767-ROCK or 315-ROCK (767-7625 or 315-7625). Door prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 767-1257.

Follow-up answers and actions from the Aug. 5 meeting are included below.

Balfour Beatty Communities

Q: Most of the sidewalks in Marne Homes do not have wheelchair accessible ramps to the street and the curbs are very high. Can ramps be placed on those streets?

A: The Marne Homes neighborhood is scheduled to have significant renovations completed by the end of the Initial Development Period which ends November 2011. During this time frame, the plan calls for improvements to the ramps and sidewalks. If there is an immediate need for accessibility, i.e. the need for a handicapped resident; Balfour Beatty communities will perform prudent modifications to accommodate the resident immediately.

Q: A number of neighbors have paid for cleaning, but the homes are going to be renovated. For example, a Soldier recently paid to steam clean carpet before clearing, but the carpet was removed during the unit's renovation. The cleaning policy for Soldiers cleaning a unit that is scheduled for renovation or demolition needs to be reviewed and changes made to prevent this from occurring.

A: All residents are responsible to clean their quarters upon vacating the home. Residents will be informed of what level of cleaning is required prior to clearing the home during their pre-inspection or when they submit their 30 day notice. The three levels of cleaning are self clean, cleaning team, or demo clean. There is not a standard for a home that is going to be renovated because Balfour Communities will still clean the home upon the renovation being complete.

If the resident performs a self clean, our contractors will be responsible for restoring the home to the level of cleanliness that the resident performed. The only time a resident will only have to perform minimal cleaning is the demo standard. Appliances will still have to be cleaned and the floors swept and any debris removed prior to clearing. Ensuring that the carpets have been cleaned is part of the clearing process. At the time of clearing the carpet may still smell fresh, however there are instances that after a resident clears the home it is deemed unserviceable due to an odor that was not present at the time of clearing.

Q: My neighbor's back yard is not fenced and pine needles have accumulated, but the landscaping company has not removed them.

A: Pine needles have been removed; landscape contractor has been directed not to leave excess amounts of pine needles around the homes or in the common areas. The Balfour Beatty Communities roads and grounds supervisor will monitor to ensure compliance.

Q: I live in a duplex. When pest control services are rendered, only one half of the unit is treated (the unit that requested the treatment). Can pest control treat the entire building instead? It would be a better preventative measure.

A: The entire building will be treated as required based on the type of pest and coordination with neighbors. Balfour Beatty Communities will re-iterate this to our pest control vendor.

Q: When work orders are called in, they are done slowly. A faucet that was scheduled for repair is still leaking.

A: Faucet has been repaired and follow up has occurred with the resident to ensure all concerns have been addressed.

Q: Several vacant homes have lights on at night.

A: All vacant homes should have their lights turned off whether they are in a turn status or not. We will reiterate to our contractors the requirement to turn off all lights prior to leaving the residence. If a resident sees lights on in a vacant unit, please call 408-2460 so Balfour Beatty Communities can address the issue immediately.

Q: When the groundskeepers pick up trash in the housing areas, they do not collect debris from within ditches. Trash is beginning to accumulate in the ditches and some people are now dumping trash

in the ditches, as well. Can we have "No Dumping" signs posted in the ditches?

A: Balfour Beatty Communities landscape technicians continually address trash issues throughout their assigned neighborhoods. This is augmented once a week by the entire maintenance staff conducting police call in their assigned neighborhoods for an hour prior to starting service orders for the day. If a resident does see an area that was missed, please call the service order desk: 408-2466 at Fort Stewart or 459-2150 at Hunter.

Q: My wife's cousin cleared housing and was charged \$225 for removing spider webs from under the stairwell. Is that the standard?

A: The residents opted to clean the home themselves and it did not pass inspection. Specifically, the tile floor was not stripped or a new coat of wax applied. The \$225 is the amount for a cleaning team for that size home. The resident was charged because the home was not cleaned to standard.

Q: Trash pick-up in the housing areas has been inconsistent.

A: Balfour Beatty Communities has met with the current refuse contractor and directed that they comply with BBC and installation specific directives. Contractor has also been notified that if the current trends continue, another contractor will be considered.

Directorate of Public Works, Public Affairs Office

Q: There are no new maps for post. It is difficult to find streets in the housing areas. Also, the current maps show gates where there are none.

A: DPW has updated the installation maps and forwarded to PAO for use in future publications. The new information will be used to update the maps for publication in early 2009.

Q: Some fishing ponds, especially #21 and #23, have an excess of grass and algae. Fee was raised.

A: A persistent drought for the last several years has significantly reduced water levels in Ponds 22 and 23 to the point where it is no longer feasible to manage them as fish ponds. The water level in Pond 21, however, has remained more stable, and we continue to manage it as a fish pond. Grass has been mowed recently and weeds have been treated/controlled.

Hunting and fishing permit fees were adjusted last year to provide a reduced fee for Soldiers and Family members. Fees for other sportsmen were increased slightly to maintain program solvency. All fees collected go back into the fish and wildlife program to improve recreational opportunities for sportsmen.

Public Affairs Office

Q: How can we get a programming schedule for Marne TV? Sometimes we miss shows and would like to watch them during the next broadcast.

A: The Marne TV schedule is now available in the Frontline, on cable television guide channel and on community slides on Marne TV.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Q: Would it be possible to have a parade in Apr after 4 BCT returns?

A: As 4th Brigade Combat Team redeploys in Dec, they'll enjoy the same quality Welcome Home Ceremonies the rest of the Division did.

Q: Who would I speak to about having retired football players visit Fort Stewart? I have some personal connections.

A: Anyone who has personal connections to athletes or other celebrities and groups is encouraged to call Larry Cutchens, Chief Recreation Activities, 767-2697 or Linda Heifferon, Director, MWR at 767-8660.

Q: Can we open a thrift shop on Fort Stewart?

A: Thrift Shops on Army installations are a Private Organization operation. This means that MWR doesn't operate thrift shops, they must be opened and managed by a PO. POs operating thrift shops must have financial controls and measures in place to operate a resale of this magnitude and must have sufficient liability insurance to cover the operation. Financial responsibility, keeping employees and lack of facility space were the deciding factors that closed the thrift shop previously operating on FS. In order to open a thrift shop, the following steps would be required:

- Form or use an existing PO for the purpose of operating a thrift shop.
- Establish written PO constitution and by-laws.
- Validate a PO to operate on the installation.

- PO approaches DPW to find space to lease.
- PO obtains sufficient liability insurance.
- PO finds employees to operate thrift shop.
- Ensure the PO has sufficient cash to fund upfront costs, i.e., building reconfigurations, cash register, purchase liability insurance, marketing ads, etc.

Medical Command Activity

Q: A shuttle service was once available between Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. Can we have this service again?

A: The Hunter Army Airfield Medical Appointment Transport is sponsored by the Garrison and it transports patients to the Winn Community Hospital at FS. The patients from Hunter who need transportation should make their arrangements at the Hunter Transportation Motor Pool by calling 912-315-5865, no later than 3 p.m., one day prior to their appointment.

The MEDDAC has a shuttle service that runs from Winn, which leaves at 6 a.m. and at the Tuttle Army Health Clinic at 5 a.m. This shuttle takes the patients to Eisenhower Medical Center, Augusta, GA. It returns when all the patients are finished with their appointments. It runs on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Fort Stewart Schools

Q: Can the DoD school supply lists be finalized and posted on the School Resource Office's web site?

A: The SLO will post school supply lists online in Spring 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

Q: School supply lists are provided to parents prior to the first day of school, but once school starts, teachers send home different lists. This additional cost is a burden to many Soldiers and Families.

A: Finalized school lists will be confirmed and available in Spring 2009 for the 2009-10 school years.

Q: Can the FS schools convert to school uniforms?

A: The Department of Defense Education School System is not considering a revision in the dress code policy to implement school uniforms at this time.

Staff Judge Advocate, Civilian Personnel Activity Center

Q: With the price of gas going up, can DA civilians go to four 10-hour day work weeks?

A: As long as there is no negative impact on the ability of an organization to perform its mission, smaller units within each directorate retain the discretion and flexibility to implement well reasoned, practical alternative work schedule strategies that work for their respective organizations. Such strategies must be fair and equitable to all employees and be implemented in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Any proposal must be coordinated through the unit's servicing CPAC representative for technical guidance and must be approved by each organization's respective director in advance. If bargaining unit employees are impacted, the local AFGE must be notified and given an opportunity to bargain.

American Armed Forces Exchange Services

Q: I attempted to purchase eyeglasses for my daughter, but the store would not sell a warranty. I had to drive to Savannah to purchase the glasses and an \$18 warranty.

A: The AAFES Optical Shop provides a free 1 year warranty automatically with all eyewear purchases. The Warranty form is provided to the customer at the time of purchase.

Directorate of Emergency Services

Q: The parking lot in the 600 block area was opened, but now Soldiers are running in the road during physical training.

A: 3rd Infantry Division Operations Order 09-02, published Sept. 23 provides specific guidance on approved run routes for units.

The division and garrison command sergeant major continue to work in a concerted effort with brigade and battalion command sergeants major to enforce this guidance. Additional emphasis has been placed on the 600 block parking lots to ensure compliance with this guidance.

Q: What is the current registration policy for scooters?

A: Motorized scooters under 50cc do not require registration. Scooters over 50cc are treated as motorcycles and subject to the same regulations. DES is currently working on a document that will compile regulations for every type of transport and will publish it in multiple venues.

Hunter Marines redeploy in time for birthday ball

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Public Affairs

Excitedly, Family Members and friends waited for the large luxury bus to come around the bend in the road to bring home the Marines they haven't seen in seven months. When the 40 Marines with the 2nd Beach and Terminal Operations Company came home Oct. 30 they were greeted with cheers, homemade signs and banners from their loved ones at the Marine's headquarters on Hunter Army Airfield.

From February to September 2008, the Marines

were deployed to western Iraq and conducted security missions. Their tasks included manning entry control points, personnel searches, vehicle searches, control points and watch towers.

The Marines returned just in time to join in commemorating the Corps' 233rd birthday, which will be capped off during a Birthday Ball celebration, Nov. 8.

Marine Cpl. Martin McDonald, met his 5 month-old daughter, Haley, for the first time at the welcome home celebration. McDonald's wife, Shari, said she is proud of her husband's accomplishments and is happy to have him home again.

Check out the
Quality Time
online at
www.stewart.army.mil



Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at the Special Forces Recruiting Office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, room 25. Physical training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donovan Parade Field. The uniform is the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

Visit CHRTAS for employee tools

A new era has arrived in Fiscal Year 2009 with the Civilian Human Resources Training Application System. Visit www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas. The Web site includes Historical training and individual develop plans. The site includes employee profiles, career roadmaps, rating period information, and much more.

Stewart

Notice of Road Opening/Closure

East Washington Avenue will be re-opened starting Oct. 31, 2008, at noon, from Oglethorpe Highway to Bradwell Street. East Washington Avenue will also be opened to local traffic only between Bradwell Street and Commerce Street beginning at noon also. Immediately following this re-opening, East Washington Avenue will be closed from Main Street to Commerce Street. This closure is expected to last several months and will re-open once the Main Street intersection is completed.

Give a little, buy a lot

Fort Stewart Youth Challenge is conducting a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 17-18, building 13503 on Fort Stewart on Murray Street, located off of 16th Street. Youth Challenge is supporting the American Red Cross in their endeavors to help make a difference. Give the gift of life. Give blood.

Free job training for spouses

Military spouses can gain job training from home. There is no charge for the training. The job specialties are medical transcription, medical coding, health care management and information technology. To learn more attend the Operation Life Transformed brief Nov. 10, 1 - 2:30p.m. at building 217, Division Special Troops Battalion conference room.

There is limited seating. Please call Clovia Ferguson at (912) 271-9910.

Commissary holiday hours announced

The Fort Stewart commissary announced its holiday

hours. The commissary will resume normal hours in January 2009.

Nov. 24	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 27	Closed
Nov. 28	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 22	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 24.	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26	10 a.m.to 4 p.m.
Jan. 1	Closed

Learn about on-post school events

The next school board meeting is Nov. 18 at Kessler Elementary School. The anti-bullying program will be briefed. Influenza immunizations will be available at the schools.

For more information, call Ford Stone at Brittin Elementary. The flu shot have been coordinated for Nov. 10 and 17 at Brittin; Nov. 14 and 19 at Diamond; and Nov. 13 and 18 at Kessler.

DFAC changes serving hours

Third Infantry Division installation dining facilities will change serving hours for Thursdays to support Sergeants' Time training and adjust weekend serving hours to support brunch and supper meals. New serving hours starts today or as required upon re-opening of respective dining. The new DFAC hours and the effect-ed days are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
Breakfast, 6:30 – 9 a.m.

Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Breakfast, 5:30 – 7 a.m.

Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Dinner, 4-5:30 p.m.

Weekends, holidays

Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Supper, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

4th BCT redeployment briefs slated

Fourth Brigade Combat Team redeploys in November and December. Briefs are scheduled to help prepare for reuniting with your loved one. Topics for discussion include Family advocacy, spouse battlemind training, block leave, redeployment notification, the redeploy-ment schedule, and more.

Children's workshops will be conducted by the Military Family Life Consultants. Age groups are 5-8, 9-12, and 13 and older. Child and Youth Services will provide care for new born to 4-year-olds, on-site during the evening briefings; however, the spot must be reserved through hourly care for the morning briefings. Reserve

child care as soon as possible by calling Kathryn Howison, 767-1749, kathryn.howison@us.army.mil.

Briefings will be held 9-11 a.m. at the Palmetto Room, Club Stewart: 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry briefing on Nov. 5; 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion and 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery on Nov. 6; 703d Brigade Support Battalion on Nov. 12; and 4th Battalion, 64th Armor and 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry on Nov. 13.

Hunter

Civilian employee fitness sign-up extended

Newman and Tominac fitness centers have extended sign-up for the Civilian Employee Fitness Program, which runs through Dec. 11. For more information, call 767-3031 or 315-2019 at Hunter.

Legal Assistance Office closes

Hunter Legal Assistance Office will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 and 11 for training holidays and Veteran's Day. For more information, call 315-5115.

Hunter Spouses Club Luncheon

Join Hunter Spouses at their Nov. 12 luncheon, 11 a.m. at Hunter Club. Cost is \$11. Bring Toys for Tots donations; box available at club. If you plan to attend, please RSVP 756-3179.

Thanksgiving Feast Brunch

Don't miss it on Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$14; ages 5-10 eat for half; under age 5 eats free. Bring church bulletin and get \$1 off.

Massing of the Colors Ceremony

Honor veterans at the Massing of the Colors Ceremony at 4 p.m., Nov. 16, Savannah Christian Church, 55 Al Henderson Blvd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cell phones for Soldiers

Donate old cell phones and earn calling cards for deployed Soldiers. Drop boxes at New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center and Balfour Community Center.

Canned Food Drive

HAAF Military Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring the Canned Good Food Bank through November to make donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Food needed includes canned chicken, ham, mackerel, meat spreads, salmon, sardines, tuna, peanut butter, beef stew, canned soup, canned beans or peas. Donations collected at the back of the chapel.



Balfour Beatty Communities



Cell phones offered

Help Soldiers overseas call home. By donating any old cell phone, you can help provide calling cards for Soldiers serving overseas. The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to Soldiers abroad. Drop boxes can be found at Liberty Woods Leasing Office, Southern Oaks Community Center and New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center.

Joint Neighborhood Huddles:

To make it possible for every neighborhood to have a huddle once a

month, we are combining all neighborhood huddles into one 10:30 a.m., Nov. 12 at the playground across from Brittin Elementary School. Another will be held on Hunter 10:30 a.m., Nov. 18 at the Balfour Beatty Communities office. BBC representatives, along with the Directorate of Emergency Services will be there to address any issues or concerns residents may have with their neighborhoods. Please use this opportunity to help make your community a great place to live!

Get financial planning help

Need some help budgeting for that Christmas list that just seems to keep

getting longer? This seminar is a great opportunity to get you on the right track 10:30 a.m., Nov. 13 at Southern Oaks Community Center on Stewart, and 10:30 a.m., Nov. 7 at the Hunter Balfour Beatty Community office. The seminar is free of charge to all participants.

Thanksgiving crafts offered

Join us for a fun holiday craft 3:30 a.m., Nov. 19 at Southern Oaks Community Center. We will be making a scarecrow bucket and a turkey for your Thanksgiving table. The event at Hunter will be held 4 p.m., Nov. 18 at the New Savannah / New Callaway

Community Center.

Enjoy a movie under the stars

November is a time to give thanks. We would like to use our outdoor movie night as a chance to give thanks by giving back.

The movie on Fort Stewart will be 6 p.m., Nov. 21 at the Liberty Woods leasing office, and at Hunter 6 p.m., Nov. 14. We will be showing "The Bee Movie" (rated PG).

All that we ask for admission into the movie is for residents to bring a donated item for the following drives: canned goods, old jackets or old cell phones for the cell phones for Soldiers donation drive.

Bring as many items as you like, but you only need one. Residents are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets. Free popcorn will be provided.

This Week on Marne Television

Channel 16 at Fort Stewart • Channel 7 at Hunter AAF

The Marne Report runs Friday through . Programs are subject to change.

***Sprint customers on Hunter have to disconnect their cable box to tune in Marne TV.**

Midnight	3 Around Rock	3 p.m.	Battleground
	Driving Marne Safe		The AmericanVeteran (Monday)
12:30 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	3:30 p.m.	Community Events
1 a.m.	Marne Vet Pets	5:30 p.m.	Marne Report
1:30 a.m.	Community Events	6 p.m.	Community Events
2 a.m.	Community Events	6:30 p.m.	Grill Sergeant
2:30 a.m.	MarneReintegration		(Tuesday)
3 a.m.	Community Events	7:30 p.m.	Marne Vet Pets
3:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe	8 p.m.	Community Events
	Community Events	8:30 p.m.	Community Events
4 a.m.	Community Events		Marne Chat (Monday, Wednesday)
5:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe	9 p.m.	Marne Report
	Community Events	9:30 p.m.	Community Events
6 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety		The American Veteran (Monday)
6:30 a.m.	Community Events		Ed Matters (Tuesday, Friday)
	Fit for Duty	10 p.m.	3 Around Rock
7 a.m.	Jake's Body	10:30 p.m.	Driving Marne Safe
7:30 a.m.	3 Around Rock	11 p.m.	Marne Reintegration
	Marne Vet Pets	11:30 p.m.	Marne Report
8 a.m.	Marne Report		
8:30 a.m.	Driving Marne Safe		
	Community Events		
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Noon	Marne Report		
12:30 p.m.	Marne		
	Reintegration		
1 p.m.	Community Events		

This week's Marne Report

- Pandemic Flu exercise
- Flu shot
- Farewell 56th BCT
- Make a Difference Day
- November holiday safety
- College probe
- Email scam
- 90th HR deploys
- Hunter highlights

Justice Served

Pfc. Clarence A Harris III, 92nd ENG BN, 36th ENG BDE, convicted by General Court-Martial; Reduction to Private (E1), Confined for 11 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Anthony J. Bassett, 139th MPC, 385th MP, 16th MPB, convicted by General Court-Martial; Reduction to Private (E1), and Confined for 2 years.

Pvt. Adam R. Banister, Home Detachment, 6-8 CAV, 4th BDE, convicted by General Court-Martial; Child Porn; Confined for 36 months, and dishonorable discharge.

Staff Sgt. Kevin P. Perkins, Home Detachment, 4-3 BSTB, 4th BDE, convicted by General Court-Martial; Desertion, Escape Confinement, AWOL; Reduction to Private (E1), confined for 10 months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

Sgt. David R. McGarrah, A Trp, 3-7 CAV, 2 BCT, convicted by General Court-Martial; Desertion; Reduction to Private (E1), confined for 179 days, forfeiture of \$1,000.00 pay per month for 9 months, and a reprimand.

See JUSTICE

Education Matters

Free FAFSA Workshops slated

Do you want assistance in filling out your PELL Grant application? Savannah Technical College in Hinesville, is offering free workshops for the military community. Two workshops will be held each day, 10 a.m. or 3 p.m., Thursday and Dec. 4 at the Airport Road Liberty Campus media center. Entry will be denied if students are more than 10 minutes late.

You do not have to be a Savannah Tech student to attend the “Free Application For Federal Student Aid” session.

Please bring your 2007 income tax return, and if military or a military spouse a copy of a 2007 Leave and Earnings Statement is also required. You may review the application form at this site: www.fafsa.ed.gov. For additional information call 408-2430.

Evening teaching seminars scheduled

Program information sessions geared toward Georgia Troops to Teachers Program candidates are being offered by Armstrong Atlantic State University Nov. 20 and Dec. 17. The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Programs will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the AASU Master of Arts in Teaching program. For more information, call 877-1910.

VA announces online claims applications

Effective immediately, Veteran Affairs will now process applications received through its online application Web site without the claimant's signature. The electronic application will be sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits.

VONAPP, www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm is a Web-based system that benefits both internal and external users. Veterans, active duty, survivors and other claimants seeking compensation, pension, education, or vocational rehabilitation benefits can apply electronically without the constraints of location, postage cost, and time delays in mail delivery.

For more information about VA benefits and GI Bill updates, go to VA's Web site at www.va.gov or call their toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000.

Buyer beware for CLEP material

Be aware of sales people who offer overpriced College Level Examination Program study materials. It is not necessary to spend thousands to prepare for the CLEP. Also commercial CLEP study materials by Petersons, Barrons and others are available for free at the Fort Stewart and Hunter post libraries.

There is no need to spend money for expensive materials when the they are available for free or for a much lower cost at a bookstores or on-line.

The education center suggests you go to the following websites, www.freeuniv.com and for a free CLEP success book and practice tests, log into www.petersons.com/army.

This site is associated with the Department of Defense Morale, Welfare and Recreation libraries and it is a wealth of information for all type of national and military exams including the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery, officer candidate school and flight aptitude exams.

Talk to you college advisor or an education counselor to see if the CLEP fits into your degree program.

One week, daytime courses available

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour daytime college classes that you can complete in just five days! Classes meet for three hours and are available during the mornings or afternoons. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for general studies, computers and management degrees.

Management courses will run throughout the month at the Sgt. 1st Class Education Center, and Hunter Army Airfield education center. Active duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. For a list of upcoming courses, go to your education center or call 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181 at Hunter.

Tuition allowance made available

All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year available for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits offered by the

Veterans Administration. Details are covered at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223. For information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech information sessions held

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college, certificate, diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday, 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart. Schedule sessions for next month are marketing Today, and dental assistants Nov. 20.

While the majority of courses are held at the Liberty Campus on Airport Road, many classes are conducted at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Some computer and general education courses are offered on-line. For more information, go to www.savannahtech.edu and www.gsfc.org or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact Savannah Tech in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah at 443-5700.

E-mail counselor-support made available

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop email address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

Take GED enrichment courses

General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills. The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail c Coleman@savannahtech.edu.

Free, discounted courses made available

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouses of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom “in seat” course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. It is not necessary for the active duty member to be a Columbia College student. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for “in-seat” classes only to spouses of active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel. For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides, visit www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp. Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

College classes for Warriors offered

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails. To enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online. Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit will be temporarily served at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331. Soldiers stationed at Hunter can contact Fay Ward at the Education Center, building 1290 or call 315-6130. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

ERAU office location change

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Assistant Director of Academic Support, Kenyetta Northcutt has a new office location, room 144 in the Sgt 1st

Directorate of Human Resources

Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Embry Riddle is not just aviation. Northcutt can meet with you to discuss all their programs, particularly concentrations in management, logistics and occupational safety and health. For more information click www.erau.edu/savannah or call 767-0339. You may also contact Jennifer Furlong at Hunter, 355-0644.

Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

CES training made available

The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more, visit online at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/ces.

Apply for the HOPE Grant

The Georgia HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family Member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. Visit online at www.gsfc.org.

Spouse scholarship slated

Central Texas College will provide free tuition for up to 30 semester hours in one year, for spouses of Purple Heart recipients. Scholarship applications are being accepted now. To verify eligibility, qualifying spouses must present a copy of the military member's Department of Defense Form 214 or orders reflecting the award of a Purple Heart since September 2001, marriage license, Department of Defense identification card or other type of photo ID.

The scholarship covers in or out-of-state tuition and mandatory fees. More information is available on the CTC Web site at www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses. The scholarship application will be available online and at all CTC locations; Fort Stewart, 876-4045 or Hunter, 315-4095. In addition to tuition scholarships, CTC's textbook partner, MBS Direct will offer free books to qualifying spouses.

Troops-To-Teachers briefings slated

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. For more information, visit online at www.tttga.net and www.sttga.net or call 1-800-745-0709.

Under the Spouse-to-Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. The meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m., Nov. 20, and Dec. 17 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center.

American Education Week slated

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 17-21. This year's theme is “Army Education: Strong Soldiers, Families and Communities.”

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- Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and State of Georgia Child Labor Laws.
- NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's degrees in certain MWR specialties.
- Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to www.armymwr.biz and click on Programs for more information.
- Eligible employees who move between DOD NAF positions and APF positions in any agency can “port” certain benefits such as retirement, leave, service credit, etc.

Need job counseling, resume assistance?

Contact Army Community Services and ask for the employment readiness program manager at 767-5058. For further information on employment opportunities, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Job Information Center at 767-5051.



Looking for employment?

Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Child and Youth Program Assistant (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour
Recreation Aid - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour
Operations Assistant - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour
Cook - \$8.70 per hour
Hotel Desk Clerk - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour
Cashier - \$8 per hour
Custodial Worker - \$7.72 per hour
Waiter/Waitress (Trainee) - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour
Food Service Worker - \$7.17 per hour

Bartender - \$8.70 per hour

Laborer - \$7.72 per hour

To search for these positions, go to cpol.army.mil; click on Employment; click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement, type in SCNAFDW% then click on “Get Announcement” or hit the enter key.

Did you know?

- You don't have to be a US Citizen to be employed by non-appropriated funds.
- Spouse eligibility placement can be used multiple times for employment in “flexible” status positions.
- You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position, NAF, or appropriated funds.
- There is a hiring preference in NAF for Involuntarily Separated Military Members and their eligible Family Members.
- Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (Government Service or Wage Grade) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army (under the Department of Defense/Office of Professional Management inter-

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At Fort Stewart's education center, General Education Development and English as a Second Language programs are conducted.

Representatives from colleges and the community will participate in activities highlighting education opportunities for Soldiers and Family Members during American Education Week. During the week, it is non-stop education awareness with displays set up in the lobby of the Sgt. First Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center highlighting the programs of the Army Community Service, Red Cross, Army chapel, and

the Hinesville Chamber of Commerce.

Also, the learning centers located in each education center will be prepared to assist Soldiers with creating their Go Army Ed accounts, e-Army Learning accounts and to assist with Army correspondence enrollments.

Stop by the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center at Fort Stewart, Nov 18, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. where college representatives will be set up to explain their curriculum. In addition to Capella and Strayer Universities, Central Texas College and Armstrong Atlantic State University representatives will be on hand to direct those interested in the field of education, from the associate to the master degree requirements. Also that morning, Georgia National Guard and Family Readiness Support personnel will be in the college mall to give you insights on their programs. Education week continues Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Stewart post exchange with an Army Continuing Education display and education counselors to answer your questions and hand out materials.

The education center at Fort Stewart will host a

detailed GI Bill workshop in room 240 at 1 p.m.

November 20 is the big Community Open House at both Fort Stewart and Hunter education centers' locations. From 9 to noon, University of Phoenix, Armstrong Atlantic University Nursing Program, University of Maryland, Columbia College, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will have representatives to answer your questions concerning available programs, including distance learning opportunities. That afternoon 1 - 4 p.m., American Military University, Savannah Technical University, Webster University, University Alliance, Baker On-Line, and Saint Leo University will be represented.

Colleges participating at the open house at Hunter (9:30-11:30 a.m.) are Central Texas College, Columbia College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Webster University, St. Leo University, American Military University, University Alliance, and Capella University.

For more information about the program, you may call 767-8331. For more details about Hunter's Open House, call Fay Ward at 315-6130.

College Probe offers Soldiers, Families educational opportunities

Pat Young
Managing Editor

More than 500 students from Hinesville and surrounding communities visited the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center for the 2008 College Probe, Oct. 31.

The annual event had nearly 60 institutions of higher learning providing information about their curriculum, activities, facilities and programs.

The probe also held a financial workshop providing information ranging

from grants to student loans. Many of the institutions also provided financial information, in addition to the degrees they offered, which range from agriculture to zoology.

Many of the colleges offer traditional educations through majors such as business, education, and nursing – some of which listed selling points on their programs like Georgia Southern as 13th in the nation for its chemistry program and within the Top 20 for Nursing.

Georgia Tech noted they were the leading engineer school in the Georgia,

fifth in the nation, and eighth in the world.

However, some of the institutions are more down to earth like the Altamaha Technical College which boosted its partnership with Caterpillar, offering internships with the business.

On the other hand, some of the institutions are oriented elsewhere like the Art Institute, and the Air Force Academy, and the Georgia Military Institute.

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Latham, Georgia Army National Guard attended to inform people about the scholarship

opportunities like the two-year full ride scholarship, and further opportunities for employment before and after graduation.

Xanthus Lee, a junior at Bradwell Institute visited the probe to learn about chemistry – a subject he believes can help him create a firm foundation and allow him to help himself, his Family and community.

Event coordinator, David Smith said he thought the probe went very well and thanked all the institutions and schools for participating.

ICE continues to help customers improve satisfaction

Alana Olson
Plans, Analysis and Integration

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community members continue to help improve the community through customer feedback.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation System, which has been active at the installation for more than six years, has continued to help customers since its inception.

Comment submission continues to increase each year, meaning that customers realize that ICE really works for them! That is because each comment submitted goes directly to the

manager of that service area by an automatically generated e-mail. The service provider managers get real-time feedback from the customers, allowing them to resolve any issues quickly.

An example of the immediate impact the system would be a customer at an automatic teller machine at the bank who needed to make a deposit.

If the ATM was out of deposit slips after hours, there would not be any one to give you a deposit slip. If you left a note on the door, it would probably get blown away before morning. But, if you just went home and submitted a comment at

ice.disa.mil, the manager would instantly get an e-mail about the matter. That's a great example of how ICE can work for the customer.

ICE can be used around the clock, so it's always convenient for you.

Use ICE for issues or just to let a manager know that someone gave you great service with a smile.

Since ICE began at Stewart-Hunter, annual comment submission has soared from 1,208 comments to more than 20,000.

In 2007, there were 21,879 comments, and of those, 21,323 customers received a personal response from the manager to

ensure the issue had been resolved. So far, only nine months into 2008, there have been 29,760 comments submitted to the installation ICE Web site.

Of those, 27,573 customers received an e-mail or phone call from the manager as a follow up to their comment.

Part of the increase in comments from last year to present is due to the addition of over 200 comment boxes installed at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Through Nov. 7, community members can participate in an IMCOM Customer Service Assessment online at

www.myarmyvoice.org/Community2008. This allows you to rate the importance and performance of services provided at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield.

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey to let us know what needs to change and what processes should remain to give the great service that our Soldiers, Family Members, Army Civilians, retirees, veterans so deserve. The survey is for everyone, contractors included. 'Tis the season to let your voice be heard; it's a privilege and a responsibility.

If you'd like more information on ICE or the survey, contact *alana.olson@us.army.mil*.

3SB Soldiers help students read

Spc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd SB Public Affairs

Soldiers of the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade participated in Taylors Creek Elementary School's semi-annual Accelerated Reader's Rewards Program, Oct. 30.

The program is designed to reward students who have accumulated enough points on their reading comprehension exams.

The parties occur every nine weeks during the school year, and each year the parties consist of something different, including movies, games and other fun activities.

This year the party came in the form of a break from class, a snack and even some prizes.

"It's an incentive program to get them to read," said Debbie Rodriguez, principal. "Hopefully, it will motivate them to continue to read."

There were several events set up around the cafeteria for students to participate in. They could get their faces painted, decorate their own cookies, design their own card or try their hand at winning some candy from some of the games of skill.

Mary Lewis, the media specialist at Taylors Creek Elementary School was the person who organized and set up the reward party this year.

"We encourage our students to read all year long," said Lewis. "(The program) gives them extra motivation beyond just an A+ on their report card. They get to leave with fun prizes and experiences. They remember that it is not only beneficial for them to learn but also fun."

The Soldiers had almost as much fun as the students did and agreed that programs, such as the Accelerated Reader's Rewards Program was good for student's morale.

"I'm having a lot of fun here," said Kristin Grooms, 90th Human Resource Company, STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. "It's a nice change of pace for the both of us. They get a break from class, and I get a break from work. It's a win/win situation."

Private First Class Terry Webb, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. and also the Soldier running the "corn toss" echoed those comments.

"This is really good for the students," said Webb. "It



Spc. Gaelen Lowers

Private First Class Kristin Grooms, 90th Human Resources Company, helps children decorate their own cookies during Taylors Creek Elementary School's Accelerated Reader's Reward Program, Oct. 30.

helps them to not just view school as drudgery. They get to have some fun, along with learning. It makes it fun to come to school."

Soldiers visit students at Richmond Hill Elementary School



Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley

Second graders at Richmond Hill Elementary School crowd around Spc. Hector T. Santanadiaz, 2-3 BTB, 2nd BCT, while he reads Halloween stories to them, Oct. 31.

Pfc. Crystal M. Bradley
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, visited second grade students at Richmond Hill Elementary School Oct. 31.

Richmond Hill Elementary School is sponsored by 2-3 BTB.

Cpt. Wilford Tony, supply and logistics (S-4) officer in charge at 2-3 BTB, organized the event.

"[This] is a way for us to spend time with the kids as well as answer questions they may have about the war in Iraq like 'how hot is it there' or 'what are the kids like over there,'" said Tony. "Many of the students here are children of Soldiers who have deployed to Iraq or who will be deploying to Iraq," he said.

The Soldiers started off the evening by reading Halloween stories to the students. The students were broken down into groups of 10 to 13 students per Soldier. Once each group was done with the set of books they had, the Soldiers traded books so that all the children were able to hear a variety of stories.

After an hour and a half of reading, the students had time to ask the Soldiers questions ranging from 'what kind of food do they eat in Iraq' to 'who are you going to vote for.' The Soldiers also listened to the children tell stories about their moms and dads deploying to Iraq.

Diane Molloy, guidance counselor at Richmond Hill Elementary School, said the kids were very excited and had been looking forward to the Soldiers' visit.

"The kids are always happy to see the Soldiers," Molloy said. "There is always good feedback when the

Soldiers come out. The teachers are really appreciative, and we all agree that it is a very positive experience," she said.

Sergeant. First Class Michael Belgin, Company A, 2-3 BTB, participated in the event. "The community supports the Army year round - including when we deploy. This is our opportunity to come out and set an example for the children. I have young kids, so I think things like this are very important," he said.

"Coming here and talking to the children gives them a chance to see what we as well as their parents who are Soldiers do for a living," Spc. Chawn Roundtree, Company B, 2-3 BTB, said.

"They can see that even though we are Soldiers, we're regular people, too. We just have a different job," he added.

The day ended with the students and Soldiers having refreshments.

"Being here today made me feel as if I was giving back to the community," Toney said.

"We Soldiers are always in the public eye due to the war but not so much as when we are giving back to the kids. I'm looking forward to coming back out during the power point presentation, which will be explaining the Arabic culture, including teaching the students simple words from the Arabic language like how to say 'hello' and 'goodbye,'" he said.

Roundtree said he was surprised at the level of knowledge the students had about the military. "Talking to the kids make me realize that they understand more than we give them credit for. The things they said amazed me. This was a heart-warming experience for me, and I'm glad they enjoyed it."



Better assist first responders

Special to the Frontline

The number of 911 calls placed by customers using wireless or cell phones has radically increased. According to the Federal Communications Commission, an estimated 50 percent of the millions of 911 calls received daily are placed from wireless phones. Because the wireless is portable, it is what many people have chosen to keep as their primary source of communication. While wireless phones can be an important public safety tool, they also create unique challenges for public safety and emergency response personnel. Because wireless phones are mobile, they may not be associated with a fixed location or address, depending on the level of technology of the 911 agency receiving the call. Fort Stewart 911 can only receive your phone number from your wireless provider (Phase I E911). Some surrounding areas offer Phase II, which will pinpoint a general location of the wireless phone. Here are some things the public can do to help get first responders, includ-

ing police, fire and emergency medical services to incidents quickly:

- Be patient with the 911 call taker.
- Be ready to give an accurate location when the 911 call taker asks.
- Give the 911 call taker your wireless phone number, in case of disconnection.
- Give good descriptions and accurate information about what is happening.

While it is not mandatory, it helps if you stay on the line until first responders arrive. Most important in case the emergency involves you, consider creating a contact in your wireless phone's memory with the name "ICE" (In Case of Emergency), listing people you want notified if there is an emergency concerning you. Most responders will know to check for this. The FCC's 911 rules for wireless service providers are being implemented over a period of several years. To become totally in compliance with FCC rules is costly, time consuming, and could take several years with changes in technology. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield 911 has initiated the Phase II upgrade.

DHR Spotlights:

James D Bitting, Jr

Special to the Frontline

James D. Bitting, Jr. became the Deputy Director, Directorate of Human Resources for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in August 2008. As the deputy he assists the director in executing individual, Family and community support services and programs. In addition, he coordinates, recommends, and provides authoritative analysis, advice, and services enabling the installation commanders to provide leadership in executing their military and civilian personnel management responsibilities. Prior to his current assignment, Bitting served the past three years as the first civilian Garrison executive officer for Fort Stewart. Previous to moving to Georgia, Bitting held senior civilian positions with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command as Chief, Force Programs Branch, Force Design Directorate, and Chief, Future Combat System Branch, Training and Doctrine Command




James D. Bitting, Jr.

Program Integration Office, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Prior to joining the civilian service workforce in 2004, Bitting served in the U.S. Army in enlisted, noncommissioned officer and officer status, while serving in a variety of leadership, staff and command positions throughout the world, from platoon level to the Department of the Army; he retired after 24 years of service. Bitting is a graduate of the US Army War College, Strategic Studies Program, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Armor Officer Advanced and Basic Courses. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville, and master's degrees from the University of Louisville and the University of Southern California. Bitting resides in Richmond Hill and is the father of two teenage daughters, Jamie and Jessica. He is active in church, outdoor activities/sports and various civic and charitable organizations.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Aaron Akeim Hillary**, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd BCT, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Gregory Highstrom, Battery B 1/9 FA, 2BCT, Fort Stewart, 435-2272.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **2nd Lt. Sean Patrick O'Connor**, Headquarters Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, contact Capt. Sarah Carter, HSC 603rd ASB, at 971-404-6889 .



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Video Game and Music Exhibition for Youth

8 Nov., 4 - 7 p.m. — FS Youth Center, Bldg 7338
It's the first of what is planned as an annual event. Live DJ, live performances, music entrances and a tag team tournament. Trophies awarded to gamers. No charge. Youth asked to pre-register at the center. 767-4491

Thanksgiving Feast Sunday Brunch @ HAAF

9 Nov., 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Menu features breakfast items, roast turkey, cornbread dressing, carved baked ham, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, candied yams, collard greens, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie, plus chocolate fountain and assorted desserts. Cost is \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (Under 5) FREE. Bring church bulletin and receive \$1 off each meal cost. 459-7923

Pilgrims Kids Cooking Class @ HAAF

9 Nov., 3 - 5 p.m. — Hunter Club, Bldg 6015
Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and more. The cost is \$5 per child (ages 5-12). Reservations are required, (space limited). 459-7923

Canned Food Drive @ FS

10-20 Nov., 2 - 8 p.m. — Youth Center, Bldg 7338
Youth are encouraged to donate a canned food item for needy Families. For more information, call 767-4491.

Veterans Day @ Corkan Recreation

11 Nov., 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. — Corkan Family Recreation Area
Corkan honors the sacrifices of Soldiers young and old with one free game/admission for veterans to any of its facilities. Corkan Family Recreation will be operating on a holiday schedule this day. 767-6708

Wild Turkey Scramble @ FS

13 Nov. Sign-up Ends; 14 Nov., 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
Taylors Creek Golf Course, Bldg 2150
Play limited to 36 two-person teams. "3-Club Challenge" and "Not So Ordinary Closest to the Pin on your 2nd shot." Prizes to the top three places, some hole events, side contests. Cost \$30 members/\$35 non-members. Additional details: 767-2370

School Age and Youth Services Open House Block Party

15 Nov., 2 - 4 p.m. — HAAF Youth Center, Bldg 1289
Community Block Party for Families with children grades 1-12. Music, dancing, food, games, and prizes. Come learn and receive information about Before and After School, Middle School, and Teen programs and enroll your children. 315-6075

Jaguars vs Vikings Football

23 Nov. Game, Tickets Available — Leisure Travel Offices @ FS & HAAF
Jacksonville Jaguars and Minnesota Vikings battle it out in Jacksonville Nov. 23. Tickets for game only available at Leisure Travel. For details, call 767-8609 (FS) or 315-3674 (HAAF).

New York City Christmas Shopping Trip

28 Nov. Registration Deadline; Trip 11-15 Dec.
Depart late at night Dec. 11 from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers for Lyndhurst, N.J., for two-night stay just a few miles from New York City. Shop, visit museums or just see the sights. Cost, including hotel and transportation, is: one person/room \$400, two-persons/room \$300 each, three-persons/room \$270 each and four-persons/room \$250 each. For details, call Leisure Travel at 767-2841/8609 (Stewart) or 315-3674 (Hunter).

JUSTICE ————— from Page 9A

Spc. Wesley D. Graves, Troop C, 5/7 CAV, 1 BCT, convicted by General Court-Martial; desertion; reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for six months, and confined for 6 months.

Pvt. Brian K. Norment, HHSC, STB, 3rd ID, convicted by general court-martial; desertion; reduction to private (E1), forfeiture of \$750 pay each month for four months, and confined for four months.

Sgt. Jason D. Terry, HHC, 2 BCT, convicted by general court-martial; desertion; reduction to private (E1), confined for six months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Christopher M. Short, HHC, 3d CAB, convicted by general court-martial; desertion, wrongful use of a controlled substance; reduction to private (E1), confined for nine months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

Magistrate Court

Male, 22, criminal trespassing, \$10

special assessment, \$150 fine

Male, 21, theft of govt property, \$25 special assessment, six months probation, 100 hours of community service

Female, 42, theft of govt property, \$25 special assessment, \$150 fine

Male, 39, criminal trespassing, driving on suspended license, six months of custody

Male, 29, driving on suspended license, no license on person, \$25 special assessment, \$250 fine, 6 months probation

Male, 25, driving on suspended license, \$25 special assessment, \$500 fine

Female, 24, disorderly conduct, \$25 special assessment, \$300 fine

Male, 59, driving under the influence less safe, driving under the influence, \$25 special assessment, \$500 fine, 12 months probation, 40 hours community service, 10 days custody

For more information check out
The Frontline online at
www.stewart.army.mil

Hunter energizes Adopt-a-School Program

Kaytrina Curtis
Public Affairs Specialist

Public school principals, teachers and administrators joined servicemembers and Army Civilians Oct. 28 at Hunter Army Airfield, inside the Hunter Club for the Adopt-a-School Program luncheon.

The purpose of the luncheon was to provide partnership opportunities for units in support of local schools through mentorship.

The idea behind the program is to enhance community relations with the Coastal Empire by increasing public awareness of the Army's mission by providing a positive influence to youth in the community.

"Supporting the communities in which we serve has always been a Hunter tradition," said Hunter Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Daniel Whitney. "We know that our children are our most valuable asset in our community."

Servicemembers from the Army, Marines, and Coast Guard came together to learn more about the program and to meet with representatives from the Savannah Chatham County public school system.

Servicemembers, who are acting as mentors, are required to register through the Installation Volunteer Program and complete background checks with the aid of the installation's military police office.

Mentors also have to complete mentor orientation training.

Once the requirements are met, a servicemember is selected to act as the unit's point of contact and the unit commander's representative.

Whitney addressed the assembled crowd and

thanked them for recognizing the importance education and partnering with youth in the Coastal Empire has on the community.

Lieutenant Russ Mathis, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, is a little nervous about the prospect of working with the students, yet enthusiastic about the future of his involvement in the program.

"The Coast Guard has been involved with this program for quite a while," said Mathis. "We bring the guys who have been involved with the program in the past so that the younger guys like me can learn from them and see how they work with the children."

Many administrators present, as well as teachers who participate in the Adopt-a-School Program said they see the effects the partnership has on the students.

May Howard Elementary School Assistant Principal Marilyn McDonald, whose school has been adopted by the Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, said she believes the service that servicemembers provide helps students appreciate the military.

"It gives our kids the opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation for service," said McDonald. "Our students love the learning experience that our Coast Guard is bringing them. I do believe that our students know the importance of giving back to society."



Kaytrina Curtis

May Howard Elementary School Assistant Principal, Marilyn McDonald and unit representative for May Howard, Lt. Russ Mathis, U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, listen intently during the opening address at the Adopt-a-School program luncheon, Oct. 28 inside the Hunter Club.

Whitney charged teachers on the "front lines" of the classroom to take a look in the past at mentors who believed in them.

Whitney said a great way to pay back the Coastal Empire is to befriend a student and help them achieve their endeavors.

"We at team Hunter are extremely proud to partner with outstanding teachers, administrators and educators to invest in our future in this outstanding program."

Deployed mother finds inspiration, support

1st Lt. Carolyn Frazier
4th BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq – A mother's job is not easy duty, especially for a Soldier-mom serving that role in Iraq, thousands of miles away from home. That's why one servicemember looks to her own mother to help with her four children back home.

"She is the love of my life...I am very, very close to my mom," said Staff Sgt. Tonya Harvey, an automated logistics specialist with 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. "Without my mom, I wouldn't be able to do it because she is my backbone."

Harvey is a single mother who said good-bye to her kids last October and has seen them only once in the past 12 months. She has three months remaining before she returns home to them.

By 2 p.m., the days in Iraq turn hot and steamy and that's when she performs her favorite duty in Iraq, calling her children.

"I try to call every day before they go to school," said Harvey, who's been with her current unit almost three years.

Her daily phone calls are her time to give encouragement and motivation to Tekera, 14-years-old; Tekeyla, 12; Kawania, 10; and Tia, 6. She also chats with them on instant messenger every evening to hear about their day and make sure they are all right, but most importantly, so they know she is with them, no matter the distance.

Harvey said she could not serve her country without the help of her mother, Connie, a single mom herself.

Harvey's had her share of managing practice with her children, who stay in Chauncey, Ga., with their grandmother while she's deployed. Connie took care of Harvey's children on two previous deployments – Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005 – and while Harvey served in Korea in 2004. She also took care of her grandchildren during both deployments and has had Tia since she was six- months-old when Harvey deployed to OIF I.

"When I came back, (Tia) didn't know who I was," Harvey explained. By the time Harvey came back from OIF I, it was time to move to Korea after Tia was just "getting used" to her again. She took her oldest three children and left Tia with her mother. It was a tough time for Harvey and one of the many trials and tribulations of being a mother in the military.

Harvey realizes her children are getting older and her concerns grow for her children as they enter their teenage years.

"It's time to be home and focused," she said.

With her mother's help, Harvey's children are involved with church activities. All the children participate in the choir while Tekeyla and Tekera are also on the praise dance team. In addition, Tekeyla is on the cheerleading squad, Tekera runs track and Kawania plays football and basketball. Harvey's ex-husband is stationed in Charlotte, N.C., as an Active Guard Reserve Soldier so her children see him often.

In Iraq, Harvey serves as the material handling supervisor in Company A's Supply Support Activity platoon. She manages four Soldiers to ensure operations run smoothly during the mid-shift hours. The SSA receives and stores equipment and supplies for more than 120 supporting units throughout the Vanguard area of operations, from bottled water to Meals Ready to Eat and other equipment.

No matter what she does or where she goes, Harvey has support and strength from her mother, which inspires Harvey to drive on, no matter what she is doing or where she is.

Notice of Availability

Environmental assessment and draft - Finding of no significant impact: for motorpool and 3rd Sustainment facilities upgrades

Special to the Frontline

The U.S. Army proposes to conduct upgrades to a consolidated motorpool complex and facilities for the 3rd Sustainment Brigade at Fort Stewart.

These facilities would be renovated, constructed, and operated to accommodate the existing and anticipated growth of the Installation units' transportation and operational needs.

New, modern, efficient facilities are needed to replace aging and deteriorating buildings that are inadequate in storage, maintenance, and administrative space, and safety and health requirements of the Department of the Army. New facilities will comply with Army Facility Standards and design criteria.

The Army has prepared an environmental assessment to identify and evaluate potential environmental effects that would result from renovation and demolition of existing facilities, new construction, and operation of a motorpool complex and 3rd Sustainment Brigade activities necessary to support the needs of unit personnel at Fort Stewart.

Since facility upgrades for both projects

will occur within the same geographic area of the post (i.e., industrial portion of the cantonment area), will have construction time-frame overlap, and have potential for cumulative impact, both the motorpool and 3rd Sustainment Brigade upgrades projects are included in this environmental assessment.

The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment, to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and all other components of the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a draft finding of no significant impact, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action. A copy of the EA and draft FNSI will be available for public review from Nov. 10 through Dec. 9 at the public libraries listed below. All public review comments must be received no later than Dec. 9.

Fort Stewart Main Post Library

Building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd.
Monday – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday closed
Saturday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hunter Post Library

Building 1290, 165 Markwell Street
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday – Sunday, closed

Liberty County Library

236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, Ga.
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2 - 6 p.m.

Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah

Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

Request all comments be mailed to the following address:

Chief, Environmental Division
Attention: Thomas C. Fry
Directorate of public works
Headquarters, Fort Stewart
1550 Frank Cochran drive, buliding 1137
Fort Stewart, Ga 31314-4927